



The Connecticut Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CT CWRP) was established in 2000 to facilitate important wetland restoration projects in the state through a public-private partnership. The CT CWRP is one of 12 chapters across the country, with the mission to stop and reverse the degradation of America's wetlands and other aquatic habitats.

**CT CWRP donations are key to unlocking federal funds.**

Without private matching contributions of capital and in-kind services, large amounts of federal dollars are unavailable for these worthy projects. The CWRP's contributions, though modest, are essential to making sure federal funds can be "unlocked" for Connecticut's most important wetland restoration projects. In the past six years, the CT CWRP has helped unlock nearly **\$3,000,000** in federal funds for CT wetland restoration projects.

Contributions have been used as local "match" for funding habitat restoration projects, as well as related educational and research programs. On average nationally, every \$1 of corporate contribution will bring up to \$3 in federal matching monies.

*The CWRP gives NU and other corporations the ability to leverage corporate funding and to become valuable contributors to important environmental work.*

**Pat McCullough,**  
**Director of Environmental Management,**  
**Northeast Utilities**



*Saltmarsh restoration at Lynde Point, Fenwick*

*The CWRP brings together a variety of resources -- public, corporate and nonprofit -- that meet common goals and address environmental and economic needs.*

**President George W. Bush**



*Jordan Millpond fish ladder, Waterford*

**For a modest financial contribution, the benefits to corporations are far-reaching:**

- Recognition for community involvement
- Identification with highly visible projects with significant environmental returns
- Positive media coverage, awards programs, and recognition events
- Relationship development with government agencies, community groups, and NGOs
- Instilling employee pride
- Participation in an effort to improve Connecticut's wetland resources for future generations

**Companies may contribute as much as they choose.**

Contributions may be monetary or in-kind services. Typically, commitments for contributions are made over a three to five year period. There are no minimum contribution requirements. As the CWRP is designed to attract large and small companies, contribution amounts are kept confidential.

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# CT CWRP Project Achievements

Restoration projects involve all types of wetlands and other aquatic habitats, including tidal wetlands, rivers, lakes and ponds. Project activities may include fill removal, channel clearing and enlarging, dam removal, fish passage construction, and replanting of vegetation. Examples of CT CWRP restoration projects include:

## **Barn Island Wildlife Management Area**

### **Stonington, CT**

In 2003 the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and partners were pursuing a \$1,000,000 grant to purchase an additional 144 acres of wildland to add to the Barn Island Wildlife Management Area. In support of the grant application and project, the CT CWRP contributed \$5,000 for educational signage. This signage will help educate visitors about the importance and values of Connecticut's wetlands. The \$1,000,000 grant was awarded, and the 144 acres is now preserved part of the Wildlife Management Area.

CT CWRP contribution:       \$ 5,000  
Total project costs:         \$2,000,000

## **Lynde Point**

### **Fenwick, CT**

In 2002, the CT CWRP committed to assist with the Lynde Point salt marsh restoration project in Fenwick. The DEP was working with other agencies and the local community to bring 10 acres of coastal land to its original status as tidal marsh. The revived habitat will soon offer food and shelter for an entire suite of animals, including birds in their arduous migrations. Wetland functions will improve, including water purification, contaminant reduction, and flood control.

CT CWRP contribution:       \$ 17,930  
Total project costs:         \$300,000

## **Pond Lily Dam**

### **West River in New Haven, CT**

In 1794, a dam was built on the West River in New Haven near the Woodbridge town line. As happened on numerous other coastal streams in New England, the dam blocked the migratory passage of many species of fish. DEP fishery biologists believed that alewife populations could be enhanced and restored by constructing a fish passage at the Pond Lily Dam. With help from the CT CWRP and other partners, the fishway was completed in 2001. The fishway opens up an additional 2.5 miles of riverine habitat for migratory fish, and provides them with access to 76 acres of spawning habitat at Konold's Pond.

CT CWRP contribution:       \$ 6,000  
Total project costs:         \$40,500

## **Jordan Millpond**

### **Waterford, CT**

The Jordan Millpond Dam, located at the head of tide for Jordan Cove and Jordan Brook, once blocked the upstream passage of fish. The CT CWRP helped fund a project to provide passage to these fish through construction of a fishway at the dam. The new fish ladder will open up one mile of river habitat above the dam to migrating alewife and blueback herring.

CT CWRP contribution:       \$ 17,070  
Total project costs:         \$110,000

### **Government Agency Partners typically include:**

CTDEP, USEPA, NOAA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers